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SUBJECT: PRAVDA QUOTES PRESIDENT ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

1. PRAVDA MARCH 7 CARRIED SHORT INSIDE- PAGE ACCOUNT OF RECENT CEREMONY

AT STATE DEPARTMENT HONORING FALLEN FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL INCLUDING AMBASSADOR NOEL AND MR. MOORE WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON ATTENDED. UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: QUOTE: IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATHS OF TWO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN KHARTOUM, WHO WERE HELD HOSTAGES BY MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION "BLACK SEPTEMBER," MEMORIAL SERVICES TOOK PLACE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHERE PRESIDENT NIXON SPOKE. IN HIS STATEMENT, NIXON STATED THAT THE POLICY OF THE US IS NOT TO GIVE IN TO INTERNATIONAL BLACKMAIL. I AM NOT ONLY EXPRESSING THE OPINION OF THE US, HE SAID, BUT AM ALSO INVITING OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE THE SAME POSITION. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: ARTICLE IS INTERESTING IN THAT IT CHOSE TO QUOTE DIRECTLY PRESIDENT'S APPEAL TO RESIST TERRORISM BLACKMAIL AND SUGGESTS VOIEIT SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION WITHOUT FORMAL COMMITMENT. PERSON- TO- PERSON REACTIONS IN MOSCOW HAVE ALOS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET OVER INCIDENT. DUBS

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